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 Term Expires: September 2007  
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Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
 Education: Yale 1965 BA; Harvard 1969 JD  
 Began Service: October 4, 2000  
 Term Expires: October 3, 2014

**Legal Practice:** Civil Appeal Bureau, Legal Aid Society (1969-1971); Associate and Partner, White & Case (1972-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; Association of the Bar of the City of New York

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**Robert D. Drain**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: June 1957  
 Education: Yale 1979 BA; Columbia 1984 JD  
 Began Service: May 2002  
 Term Expires: May 2016

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

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**James M. Peck**  
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Education: Dartmouth 1967 BA; NYU 1971 JD  
 Began Service: 2006

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP (1990); Associate and Partner, Duane, Morris LLP (1975-1990)

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Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1929  
 Education: Syracuse 1951 BS; Fordham 1954 JD  
 Began Service: 1980  
 Term Expires: 2008

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (1984-1996); Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Second Circuit (1996-1999)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow; Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Bankruptcy Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; New York County Lawyers Association; United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

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Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
 Education: St Bonaventure 1962 BA; Villanova 1965 JD  
 Began Service: June 1, 1988  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Lecturer, State University of New York at Buffalo

**Government:** Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1969-1981); District Attorney, State of New York (1982-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Schuller & James (1968-1969)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1966-1967)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; National Association of Former United States Attorneys

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**David G. Larimer**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
 Education: St John Fisher 1966 BA; Notre Dame 1969 JD  
 Began Service: November 8, 1987  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor of Real Estate, St. John Fisher College (1978-1981)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Joseph C. McGarraghy (1969-1970)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of New York, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1970-1975); Chief Appellate Law Assistant, Appellate Division, United States Supreme Court (1979-1981); Personal Law Assistant, Appellate Division, United States Supreme Court (1982)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States Court for the Western District of New York (1983-1987); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of New York

**Legal Practice:** Beckerman, Davidson, Cook & Fink (1975-1978); Lapine & Larimer (1978-1979); Greisberger, Zicari, McConville, Cooman & Morin (1982-1984)

**Current Memberships:** District of Columbia Bar; Monroe County Bar Association; New York State Bar

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**William M. Skretny**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Canisius 1966 AB;  
 Howard U 1969 JD; Northwestern 1972 LLM  
 Began Service: October 1, 1990  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1971-1973); First Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of New York, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1975-1980); First Deputy District Attorney, County of Erie, New York (1983-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Duke, Holzman, Yaeger & Radlin (1981-1983); Counsel, Gross, Shuman, Brizdle and Gillfillan, PC (1988-1989); Counsel, Cox Barrell (1989-1990)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association

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**Charles J. Siragusa**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Le Moyne 1969 BA; Albany Law 1976 JD  
 Began Service: December 15, 1997  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Teacher, St. James School (1969-1973)

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, County of Monroe, New York (1977-1984); First Assistant District Attorney, County of Monroe, New York (1984-1992)

**Judicial:** Justice, New York Supreme Court, Seventh Judicial District (1993-1997)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Monroe County Bar Association

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